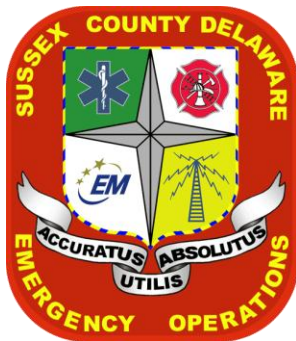


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Sussex County residents, motorists warned of flooded roads due to tropical remnants

Thunderstorms associated with former Tropical Storm Lee have dumped several inches of rain, flooded roads in Seaford area

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A line of slow-moving thunderstorms associated with what was once Tropical Storm Lee is drenching portions of Sussex County with torrential rains this afternoon, causing flooding across much of the Seaford area and forcing several temporary road closures.

According to observation reports, nearly 6 inches of rain has fallen west of Seaford since this morning, and more rain – possibly an additional 2 inches – could fall through this evening. There are numerous reports of flooding on roadways near and along the U.S. 13 corridor in western Sussex.

The National Weather Service has issued a flash flood warning for western Sussex County until 7:45 p.m.

The Sussex County Emergency Operations Center is urging motorists traveling during this afternoon's commute to be alert for ponding and flooding on roadways. Motorists should avoid this area, if possible.

"Floodwaters are the No. 1 weather killer in the United States. Flash floods can occur quickly and easily move cars and homes," EOC Director Joseph L. Thomas said. "Motorists should always remember to 'turn around, don't drown' if they come upon a flooded roadway."

The Sussex County EOC will continue to monitor this situation as it develops further. For the latest travel alerts, visit www.deldot.gov.

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